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## **Update provided on Ohio School Facilities Commission**

On Sept. 10, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) began operations. The new state agency merges the operations of the State Architect's Office and the Ohio School Facilities Commission. The state's construction authority and resources will be aligned within a single entity that will guide capital projects for state agencies, state-supported universities and community colleges, and most of Ohio's public K-12 schools.

A major reason for creating the new Ohio Facilities Construction Commission was to bring consistency to construction on public facilities and to the various delivery models that are now available. The new commission will set up rules, procedures, and standardized documents for facilities construction. It will be responsible for construction delivery methods, construction documents, and process and procedures.

The Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) will continue to exist within the new consolidated agency. Under this new organization, Ohio will continue to fund, plan, design, and build or renovate schools. OSFC programs remain intact and the OSFC staff remains in place. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction continues as an ex-officio voting member of OSFC.

## **Simulation tools now on the Web**

The FY 2013 simulation tools for traditional school districts, educational service center (ESC) and community schools (CS) have been posted to the web. The purpose of this tool is to allow each district, ESC and CS to calculate estimates of changes in state funding related to changing enrollment (including Open Enrollment). Access the desired tool from the set of links below. Or you may access each page from [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov) by searching with the appropriate title:

- [Bridge Form Simulation Tool – FY 2013](#) – for traditional school districts;
- [ESC Simulation Tool – FY 2013](#)
- [Community School Funding Simulation Tool – FY 2013.](#)

Please direct any questions about the simulation results to [Prabir Sarkar](#), [Daria Shams](#) or [Eric Bode](#).

## **ARRA 1512 quarterly reporting closes Sept. 24**

Please remember that the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) 1512 Quarterly Survey is open for activity through **Monday, Sept. 24** for the third quarter of calendar year 2012. No submissions will be accepted after the deadline. All local education agencies (LEAs) receiving ARRA funding through various initiatives – including Title I, Part A Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Recovery Act); Race to the Top (RtT); School Improvement Grants (SIG); Education Jobs and the Teacher Incentive Fund – are required to report their data through this survey. Two funds have special instructions regarding the

obligations of their funds:

- Those LEAs that receive FY 2013 ARRA/SIG competitive 1003(g) funds for SIG buildings approved to receive such funds do not have to obligate those ARRA funds by Sept. 30, 2012.
- As per a January waiver approval from the U.S. Department of Education, districts that have unexpended FY2009 Title II, Part D funds (Enhancing Education through Technology State Program) have until Sept. 30, 2012, to obligate the funds. These districts also need to complete the 1512 Quarterly Survey for these funds.

For further assistance with the reporting survey, please see information under heading *Data and Reporting Guidance* on ODE's Stimulus Updates [website](#). Please direct any questions concerning the ARRA 1512 reporting to [recovery@education.ohio.gov](mailto:recovery@education.ohio.gov).

### ***FY 2013 tuition rates and setasides posted online***

Two important items related to the new fiscal year are posted in the Finance, State Funding for Schools section of [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov). Questions on either topic may be directed to Daria Shams at [daria.shams@education.ohio.gov](mailto:daria.shams@education.ohio.gov). These items are:

- **Tuition Letters and Rates**: These rates have been calculated for individual districts pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3317.08. The rates are used to charge parents or school districts for certain students not resident to the district.
- **Set-asides**: This Web page provides data for FY2013 calculations and explains the calculation methodologies that districts are to choose from in ORC Sections 3315.18 and 3315.19. These setaside funds are for capital improvement and maintenance.

### ***Regional treasurers' clinics continue***

Throughout the state, treasurers, members of school finance offices and district officials are benefitting from one of the regional day-long Treasurers' Clinics planned for this month. The agendas include shared service examples, the expenditure standards and other topics. ODE, the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and the Ohio Association of School Board Officials (OASBO) are sponsoring the series.

Remaining dates and locations will be: Sept. 19, West Chester (southwest); Sept. 20, Worthington (central); and Sept 27, Perrysburg (northwest). Register [here](#) for a regional clinic.

### ***Please remember important Sept. 30 deadline***

Sept. 30 is the last processing date for Period H financial data to be submitted through EMIS.

### ***Auxiliary Services statements are available***

The August Auxiliary Services statements for each school district are available [here](#) on the ODE website. As you will remember, the Auxiliary Services Program provides public financial resources to nonpublic schools according to Ohio Revised Code 3317.06 and 3317.024. Payments are made on a per-pupil basis to the public school district where the nonpublic school is located. The public school district, upon request from the nonpublic school, provides 1) textbooks; 2) diagnostic, therapeutic and remedial personnel services; and 3) educational equipment for nonpublic school students.

### ***Update OEDS information now to stay informed***

The Ohio Educational Directory System-Redesign (OEDS-R) is an important tool used to transmit news and communications from ODE to the field. Additionally, the information contained in OEDS-R is used for a variety of data systems, such as Comprehensive Consolidated Improvement Plan (CCIP), and the Secure Data Center (SDC). Since ODE uses OEDS-R throughout the year, it is necessary for districts to keep contact information such as email addresses and administrative roles updated for superintendents, principals, treasurers, business managers and other administrators. It's also important to update grade spans served by each building. ODE encourages districts to update this information on an ongoing, especially at the beginning of a new school year.

So you are aware, the Office of Accountability has captured from OEDS the information that will be displayed on the 2011-2012 local report cards. As such, now is an ideal time for districts to enter and

update information in OEDS for the 2012-2013 school year. For any changes and updates for the 2012-2013 entered into OEDS prior to Aug. 9, 2012, please contact Jackie Seward, Office of Accountability at [Jackie.Seward@education.ohio.gov](mailto:Jackie.Seward@education.ohio.gov) with the information that should appear on the report cards.

For more information about updating the directory, district OEDS-R administrators should click [here](#) and review the OEDS-R Desk Guide. For help with OEDS, contact [oedsr.support@education.ohio.gov](mailto:oedsr.support@education.ohio.gov).

### ***Summary of Senate Bill 316 responsibilities posted***

To assist you in identifying, planning for and meeting Senate Bill 316 requirements, ODE has developed a handy summary of newly legislated responsibilities and their effective/due dates. In addition to the Third-Grade Reading Guarantee requirements, the document offers a summary of new regulations including: data reporting; teacher evaluations; kindergarten enrollment and transfer; and teacher evaluation. The summary, titled *New District and Community School Responsibilities Under SB 316*, is posted [here](#) under the Mid-Biennium Budget Review heading. ODE updates this document frequently because the deadlines and responsibilities may be subject to future changes to rule or law. Please check this FY 2013 Budget Web page regularly, to be sure you are referring to the most recent version. It is accessible from [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov), in the bottom right corner.

### ***October Count Week is approaching***

Ohio schools will soon enter one of the most important weeks of the year – October Count Week – from **Oct. 1-5**. As you know, Ohio school districts are funded based on the student average daily membership (ADM) as reported to Educational Management Information System (EMIS) during this reporting period.

Districts that will have a calendar conflict due to a religious holiday or historically observed community event during October Count Week are asked to submit a Count Week Waiver as soon as possible to [CountWeekWaiver@education.ohio.gov](mailto:CountWeekWaiver@education.ohio.gov).

If a district has an emergency during Count Week, a Calamity Day Waiver should be submitted as soon as possible after the calamity. Calamity Day Waivers must be submitted electronically to the [CalamityDayWaiver@education.ohio.gov](mailto:CalamityDayWaiver@education.ohio.gov) mailbox. Forms and instructions for both waivers can be found [here](#) under the respective heading.

### ***Data for T1 report to be collected Oct. 1-5***

The annual T1 pupil transportation counts are to be completed during the first full week of school in October, Oct. 1-5. Please note that the T1 report is separate from the October Count Week activities required by EMIS and that both EMIS and T1 reports need to be completed during this time. All individuals who hold a pupil transportation role, (supervisor, coordinator or director) will receive reminders regarding this activity. The T1 report is used to report the average daily ridership for the five-day data collection period. This count needs to collect the actual daily ridership on each school transportation vehicle, as well as the number of miles travelled. Detailed instructions are available on the [ODE pupil transportation website](#). The T-1 report must be completed, signed and submitted on or before Nov. 1 through the Web-based reporting system. These counts are a critical component in the transportation funding formula and will be used to calculate the funding that schools will receive for this service.

### ***FY 2013 application for supplemental K12 connectivity subsidy due Oct. 31***

As you may remember, the Ohio K-12 Network was created in FY 2000 to provide funding to assist districts in connecting to the statewide Educational Technology Network, which links Ohio classrooms to each other and the Internet. Traditional public, community and joint vocational schools, as well as qualifying Educational Service Centers are among those that may complete the FY 2013 application for a per-building subsidy of \$1,800. Nonpublic schools should contact their Information Technology Centers to inquire about their eligibility and application requirements for this subsidy. More detailed information is available on the [eTech website](#), where the online application is posted. Questions about the technical aspects of the application should be directed to Scott Gaughan at [scott.gaughan@etech.ohio.gov](mailto:scott.gaughan@etech.ohio.gov) or (614) 485-6004; or to Robb Cass at [robert.cass@etech.ohio.gov](mailto:robert.cass@etech.ohio.gov) or (614) 485-6448. Fiscal questions should be directed to Mitch Meredith at [mitch.meredith@education.ohio.gov](mailto:mitch.meredith@education.ohio.gov) or (614) 995-4005.

### ***Farewell to Pete Japikse***

Pete Japikse, who led the Office of Pupil Transportation for the last 12 years, retired from state service at the end of August. He served the Ohio education community well as a strong advocate for student safety,

an in-demand speaker and trainer, and a resource to district personnel in their efforts to follow school bus law and improve efficiency. On the national level, Japikse served as president of the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, and he was instrumental in forming the American School Bus Council. In 2010, he was named Administrator of the Year by *School Bus Fleet*, a school transportation industry digital magazine.

School staff seeking assistance on pupil transportation matters can contact Bob Harmon, Manuel Brooks or Carol Brandel at [pupil.transportation@education.ohio.gov](mailto:pupil.transportation@education.ohio.gov). Or you may contact your area coordinator.

***School finance questions may be directed to your [area coordinator](#) or the ODE staff member below.***

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